

of eight hundred dollars, and a clerk at three hundred dollars, would be fully competent to the task of making all necessary purchases and sales, and performing the particular duties assigned to the superintending committee. It is further suggested, that the present number of directors be continued, and that two of the directors serve in rotation as a visiting committee for one or two months; that the visiting committee attend three days in every week, and be allowed for each day's attendance ——— per day, and that they perform the ordinary duties of the board of directors, and keep a journal of their proceedings, subject, however, to the control of a majority of the board, which shall assemble one a month for the performance of their duties. It should be incumbent on the visiting committee to advertise for proposals for furnishing all requisite supplies of raw materials or manufactures, for the use of the establishment.

The committee also recommend, that the board of directors be invested with corporate powers, and be authorised to borrow, on the credit of the state, a sum not exceeding ——— dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding ——— per cent, for the purpose of constructing the additional buildings proposed to be erected.

The joint committee further report, that they availed themselves of the earliest opportunity, after visiting the penitentiary, to turn their attention to the Baltimore Hospital, and requested one of their members to wait upon Doctor Mackenzie, the present occupant of the institution, and apprise him of the object of their mission. The Doctor expressed his satisfaction that the legislature had at last thought proper to examine the establishment, and his readiness to receive the committee, and afford them every facility in his power. In the course of conversation, he acknowledged that the act of assembly of December session 1816, chapter 156, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Maryland Hospital," had been disregarded and inoperative. In consequence of this information, the committee determined to investigate, and endeavour to ascertain, whether the state had any legal right or title to the property of the Baltimore Hospital. They were unwilling to believe that the general assembly would have so liberally extended its bounty to the institution, by donations to the amount of fifty three thousand dollars, and by a lottery, the receipts from which by the lessees amounted to thirty thousand dollars more, without being satisfied that they possessed some title to it, and a right to regulate the management of an establishment so interesting to humanity. As soon as practicable, attested co-